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Overview

Will East Timor retire its diesel power plants?

East Timor Solar Plant: East Timor plans to retire its diesel power plants and shift to renewable energy sources, starting with the construction of its first large solar plant in 2026. The project aims to reduce expensive diesel imports and pave the way for a more sustainable energy future for the nation.

Does Timor-Leste need a roof-top solar energy system?

In addition, most of Timor-Leste's electricity is generated through costly and polluting diesel generators. Australia's Market Development Facility (MDF) and ITP Renewables conducted an assessment of the potential market for roof-top solar energy systems in Timor-Leste.

Is Timor-Leste a good country for solar energy?

Timor-Leste has a high-quality solar resource. The global horizontal irradiance in Dili is higher than on the east coast of Australia, where the solar market is mature and installation costs are higher. The cost of electricity in Timor-Leste for commercial and industrial consumers is high compared to ASEAN countries.

How long does a solar system last in Timor-Leste?

High electricity costs and readily available solar radiation mean that the average payback period for a rooftop photovoltaic (PV) solar energy system in Timor-Leste is only 1.5 to 3 years instead of the global average of 6-10 years. Transitioning to solar can also help the country meet environmental commitments.

Why is Timor-Leste not able to finance solar panels?

MDF research found that lenders in Timor-Leste are unwilling to lend to small and medium sized enterprises due to levels of default, perceived risks, and the difficulty of securing collateral. Evaluate the upfront costs of installing solar

panels versus long-term savings. Consider financing options to determine overall economic viability.

How much does electricity cost in Timor-Leste?

The cost of electricity in Timor-Leste for commercial and industrial consumers is high compared to ASEAN countries. For instance, in Indonesia industrial electricity tariffs are 0.11 USD/kWh, compared to 0.24 USD/kWh in Timor-Leste.

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